



# Ending Homelessness Among Veterans

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# A Strategic Plan to House Homeless Older Adults in Los Angeles

- Purpose: Guide policy, inform stakeholders, stimulate development
- Research informed by Advisory Committee of 24 experts and focus groups
- Review of literature, best practices, and LA data



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- Over half have income from Social Security, SSI, or disability insurance
- Some clients have multiple sources

None	24
SSI	30
Social Security	31
SSDI	8
SDI	2
County General Relief (\$221)	8
VA Pension	6
Work	4
Other Pension	2
TANF/AFDC	<1
Private Disability	<1
Unemployment	0
Other	5



# Link homeless service providers with affordable senior housing developments

## Target:

- Homeless for the first time late in life
- Housing affordability is the primary barrier





## Link homeless service providers with affordable senior housing developments

- 10,000 HUD senior buildings in Los Angeles
- Overcome application, screening, & wait list barriers





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## Shelter Partnership negotiates with affordable housing providers to:

- Meet with service providers
- Use caseworker contact information on behalf of homeless applicants in lieu of the traditional requirements.
- Accept alternatives to former landlord documentation, such as certifications of good conduct from a homeless service provider.



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## Homeless services providers:

- Take the time to understand application processes
- Provide support to their clients to overcome barriers in the eligibility and application process
- Identify housing readiness and level of need
- Assist client during application and appeals process
- Stay in communication after move-in
- Be aware of the challenges facing property managers



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## These collaborations work:

- During the initial marketing phase for new projects first opening, and
- When existing buildings briefly accept applications to create multi-year waiting lists.



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# Link homeless service providers with affordable senior housing developments

Number of Developments Tracked	200
Number of Move ins	300+
Number of PSH Projects with Units Reserved for Homeless Older Adults	9
Total Number of Units Reserved for Homeless Older Adults	303



## HUD Notice 2013-21

- HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs (Multifamily) issued Notice H 2013-21, allowing owners of HUD-assisted private properties to voluntarily adopt admission preferences for homeless families

## HUD Notice 2013-21: Admissions Preference

- Owners must inform all applicants about available preferences and give all applicants an opportunity to show that they qualify, including applicants already on a waiting list.
- All preferences must be in the Tenant Selection Plan.
- Owners may remove an owner-adopted preference at any time without HUD approval.
- Owners may have a preference for those referred by a partnering homeless service organization.
- Owners may require an applicant to verify that they qualify for a homeless preference, or owners may rely on verification from partnering homeless service organizations.
- Owners must ensure that a preference does not have the purpose or effect of excluding others on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status, or that the preference would create or perpetuate segregation.



## Shelter Partnership's S. Mark Taper Foundation Shelter Resource Bank

- The S. Mark Taper Foundation Shelter Resource Bank distributes, free of charge, donations of surplus inventory from manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and others to homeless service agencies throughout Los Angeles County.
- Operating out of a 108,000 square foot warehouse in Bell, Shelter Partnership has distributed over \$190 million in clothing, toys, and personal care items to over 500 agencies serving the poor and homeless.
- If your organization would like to learn more about receiving these donations, please contact Russell Whaley at [rwhaley@shelterpartnership.org](mailto:rwhaley@shelterpartnership.org) or at (213-943-4581)



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